

REMARKS

Upon receipt of the Notice of Allowance, this Application was carefully reviewed prior to payment of the Issue Fee. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-11, 13-22, 24-38, and 43-70. However, for licensing purposes, Applicants seek to introduce new independent Claims 71 and 72 and cancel Claims 50 and 64 under 37 C.F.R. §1.312. New independent Claim 71 includes subject matter similar to allowed Claims 43, 50, and 51, and should, therefore, be patentable for reasons similar to Claims 43, 50, and 51. In addition, new independent Claim 72 includes subject matter similar to allowed Claims 57, 64, and 65, and should, therefore, be patentable for reasons similar to Claims 57, 64, and 65. The introduction of Claims 71 and 72, because new independent Claims 71 and 72 include allowed subject matter. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments do not affect the merits of the application and are proper subject matter for an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. Applicants respectfully request the entry of new Claims 71 and 72, and the cancellation of Claims 50 and 64.

Interview Summary

Applicants thank Examiner Juba for the telephone conference conducted on September 14, 2004 and for his thoughtful consideration of this case. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §713.04, Applicants submit this summary of the telephonic interview to record Applicants' understanding of the substance of the interview. If Applicants' understanding is inaccurate, notice of such is appreciated.

During the interview, Applicants and the Examiner discussed the addition of new Claims 71 and 72 to the present patent application. Applicants understand that new Claims 71 and 72 will not require additional searching or examination by the Examiner and are allowable for reasons similar to allowed Claims 43 and 57. Moreover, Applicants understand that the Examiner will recommend entry of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

CONCLUSION

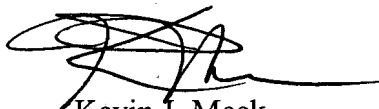
Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending Claims.

Applicants have included a check for \$86.00 for the additional claims. Applicants believe that no other fees are due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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